

Senate Resolution 440

By: Senator Schaefer of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the centennial anniversary of Toccoa Falls College; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Toccoa Falls College began as a small mountain school in 1907, and over the
3 course of 100 years, it has become one of the nation's leading fully accredited
4 interdenominational Christian colleges; and

5 WHEREAS, the college celebrates its 100th anniversary with a number of events
6 commemorating the many struggles and victories the school has experienced since it was
7 cofounded by Dr. Richard Forrest and his wife, Evelyn, as the Golden Valley Institute in
8 Golden Valley, North Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, realizing the need for a more spacious location that was more convenient to the
10 railroad, Dr. Forrest used his last ten-dollar bill as a down payment on the \$25,000 note for
11 the Haddock Inn and 100 acres of property on January 1, 1911, holding to his conviction that
12 Toccoa Falls was the place that God had chosen for a great institution of learning; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Forrest referred to the school as a "tree of God's planting" and proudly
14 stated that "the sun never sets on the graduates of Toccoa Falls College," and after building
15 and growing determinedly despite both fire and flood, the school continues to flourish to this
16 day; and

17 WHEREAS, located among the streams and foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Toccoa
18 Falls College covers a 1,000 acre campus that features beautiful, natural scenery, including
19 a waterfall measuring 186 feet, a height greater than Niagara Falls; and

20 WHEREAS, Toccoa Falls College is an independent, nonprofit educational institution that
21 trains men and women for vocational and professional Christian ministries and works with
22 many evangelical and ecumenical Christian groups; and

1 WHEREAS, the school currently boasts 25 majors and 35 minors in nine different schools:
2 Arts & Sciences, Bible & Theology, Business Administration, Christian Education,
3 Communication, Counseling, Music, Teacher Education, and World Missions; and

4 WHEREAS, Toccoa Falls College offers a rigorous and personally rewarding education with
5 an impressive student to faculty ratio of 15:1, and in addition to its generous financial aid
6 opportunities, the school has maintained a tuition cost significantly lower than the national
7 average; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to its stellar offerings in academics, music, and the arts, the Toccoa
9 Falls College Eagles athletic teams compete in NCCAA, Division II events in sports such as
10 men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, men's
11 baseball, and golf; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of Toccoa Falls College is to glorify God through seeking and
13 developing Christian servant leaders who will impact their world with the love and message
14 of Jesus Christ, and as Toccoa Falls alumni enter Christian ministries and secular vocations
15 around the globe, they become shining beacons of hope and truth to a confused and lost
16 world.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 join in celebrating the centennial anniversary of Toccoa Falls College; honoring the rich
19 heritage of its 100 years; commending the faculty, staff, and administrators for their
20 commitment to educational excellence; and extending to Toccoa Falls College their sincerest
21 best wishes for continued growth and success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Toccoa Falls College.